

Dorr Leighton Sewer

March 29, 2012

1. A special meeting of the Dorr Leighton Sewer Authority was called to order by Tammy VanHaitsma at 8:30 a.m. on March 29 at the Leighton Township Hall.
2. Members present: VanHaitsma, DeKam, Nieuwenhuis, Davis, Saunders, Troost
3. Members absent: VanderWoude, Lamb
4. DeKam updated the board on the most recent conversations with Tom Traciak regarding the REU table, funding of the system and usage and connection fees. At the meeting there was discussion about REUs vs. metering, comparison REU tables, whether bars and restaurants should be based on per seat or square footage and that the goal of the board is to be consistent in what it does, making it fair and equitable to the users, cost effective (not for profit) and to be attractive for business connection. Mr. Traciak endorsed our system and felt that most fees are in line with comparisons. It was noted that the system was expanded at a time when development was taking place. Subsequent to that, the economic downturn caused development to stop for a time. However, the system continues to have financial obligations which must be met, with or without development. Mr. Traciak believes that the O&M is well funded and well structured. The Debt charge continues to be a challenge. He does believe that the currently used REU table for bars and restaurants is above his range findings.
5. Motion by VanHaitsma, support by Davis to change the REU table for conventional restaurants with a liquor license to 2.25 REUs and conventional restaurants without liquor to 1.75 REUs per 1000 square feet . Roll call vote. Yeas: VanHaitsma, Davis, Saunders, Nieuwenhuis Nays: Troost, DeKam Absent: VanderWoude, Lamb Motion carried.
6. Motion by DeKam, support by Nieuwenhuis to remove bars as a designation on the REU table allowing restaurants with drinks to cover that use. Roll call vote. DeKam, Nieuwenhuis, Troost, Davis, Saunders, VanHaitsma Nays: None Absent: Lamb, VanderWoude Motion carried.
7. Public comment consisted of questions about eliminating the bar designation, whether REUS would be adjusted if a meter was installed and what constitutes an REU.
8. Motion by DeKam, support by Saunders to authorize the board to employ the services of Tom Traciak for a study of the debt service at an up to \$7500.00 fee. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
9. Motion by VanHaitsma, support by Davis to approve the minutes of Jan. 19, 2012. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Davis, support by DeKam for adjournment.
11. Meeting adjourned.

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis, Sec'y _____

Tammy VanHaitsma, Co-Chair _____

Kevin DeKam, Co-Chair _____